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Via electronic mail <http://www.stb.dot.gov>

Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20423

RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 670X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—
Abandonment Exemption—in Middlesex County, Massachusetts

Dear Secretary Williams:

I am writing on behalf of The Town of Natick, Massachusetts (the "Town") to request a 180-day extension of the deadline for negotiations with CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") regarding the Notice of Interim Trail Use in the above-captioned proceeding. Pursuant to the October 25, 2006 initial decision of the Surface Transportation Board (the "Board"), and subsequent extensions, the negotiating period has been extended until November 3, 2010.

Although CSXT and the Town have not reached an agreement regarding the NITU, the parties desire to continue negotiations for an NITU. CSX has completed its appraisal of the right-of-way. The Town's appraisal has also been completed and has been formally accepted by the Town; we also recently completed an updated appraisal reflecting recent changes in property values. We are close to making a formal offer to purchase the property.

Accordingly, the Town respectfully requests an additional 180 day extension of the Negotiating Deadline. CSXT concurs with this request and will file a separate letter once the Town's filing has been received by the STB.

In addition, the Town respectfully requests a waiver of the Board's filing fees in accordance with 49 CFR 1002.2(e)(1). Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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cc: Parties of Record

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